IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-24 are pending in this application, wherein claims 1, 3, 4, 10, and 14-24 are being amended to improve form, as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A dental unit, comprising:
 - a feed water line for leading water to at least one water outlet point or waterconsuming instrument of the dental unit;
 - a pressure chamber in connection with the feed water line and with a compressed air line;
 - a pressure control device configured to control pressure in the pressure chamber according to a desired pressure level via the compressed air line; and
 - a pump arranged along the feed water line upstream of the pressure chamber and configured to pump water to said pressure chamber [[where]]when the pressure in the pressure chamber is greater than a pressure in the feed water line upstream of the pressure chamber.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 1, wherein said pressure control device comprises a valve arrangement configured to enable pressurizing air to enter the pressure chamber and to enable air to be purged from the pressure chamber.
- 3. (Currently Amended) The dental unit according to claim 2, wherein said valve arrangement comprises at least one three-way valve arranged in the compressed air line, wherein the at least one three-way valve is operable to provide a connection between the pressure chamber [[to]]and the compressed air line in a first state to enable pressurizing air to enter the pressure chamber, and wherein the at least one three-way valve is operable to prevent the connection between the pressure chamber and the compressed air line in a second state to connect the pressure chamber to an external pressure.
- 4. (Currently Amended) The dental unit according to any one of the claim 1, further comprising means for recognizing fluid level height, the means for recognizing fluid level height being arranged in the pressure chamber.

- 5. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 4, wherein said pump is configured to pump water to the pressure chamber periodically in accordance with adjustment signals received from the means for recognizing fluid level height of the pressure chamber.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 1, further comprising a reservoir chamber arranged in the feed water line upstream of said pump and configured to store water for said pump.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 6, further comprising an overflow edge structure arranged in said reservoir chamber, the overflow edge structure being configured to ensure that a fluid level in the reservoir chamber does not exceed a predetermined height threshold.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 7, wherein the reservoir chamber is formed to be at least partially open to atmospheric pressure.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 8, wherein a feed link connected to an external water source is arranged to feed water to the reservoir chamber from a distance above the predetermined height threshold for the fluid level in the reservoir chamber.
- 10. (Currently Amended) The dental unit according to claim 8, wherein a detergent feed link is arranged to feed a cleaning chemical to the reservoir chamber from <u>a</u> distance above the predetermined height threshold for the fluid level in the reservoir chamber.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 6, further comprising a branch line arranged in the feed water line downstream of the pressure chamber leading to said reservoir chamber via which line fluid can be circulated from the pressure chamber to the reservoir chamber.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 1, wherein the pressure chamber is configured to be detachably attachable to the feed water line.

- 13. (Previously Presented) The dental unit according to claim 1, further comprising a closable feed opening arranged in the pressure chamber for feeding detergent into the pressure chamber.
- 14. (Currently Amended) A method for feeding water to the instruments of a dental unit and/or to other points of use of water ofin a dental unit, the method comprising:

leading water to at least one water outlet point or water-consuming instrument of the dental unit using a feed water line;

using a pressure control device to control pressure in a pressure chamber connected with the feed water line according to a desired pressure level via a compressed air line connected with the pressure chamber; and

when the pressure in the pressure chamber is greater than a pressure in the feed water line upstream of the pressure chamber, pumping water to the pressure chamber using a pump arranged along the feed water line upstream of the pressure chamber to replace water led from the pressure chamber to the at least one water outlet point or water-consuming instrument of the dental unit using the feed water line.

wherein the unit comprises a feed water line which is in connection to the said points of use of water, and wherein in the feed water line, upstream of the said points of use of water there has been arranged a pressure chamber, which is in connection to a compressed air line, the pressure chamber being pressurizable and the pressure controllable with help of pressure control means belonging to the arrangement, in which arrangement the water leaving the said pressure chamber, is replaced by pumping water into and against the pressure prevailing in the pressure chamber with a pump arranged in the feed water line upstream of the said pressure chamber.

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, wherein controlling pressure in the pressure chamber via the compressed air line comprises enabling pressurizing air to enter the pressure chamber and enabling air to be purged from the pressure chamberpressure in the said pressure chamber is controlled by leading air into it or purging air from it through the said pressure control means.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 15, wherein the [[said]] pressure control device[[means]] includes at least one three-way valve arranged in the compressed air line, wherein the at least one three-way valve is operable to provide a connection between the pressure chamber and the compressed air line in a first state to enable pressurizing air to enter the pressure chamber, and wherein the at least one three-way valve is operable to prevent the connection between the pressure chamber and the compressed air line in a second state to connect the pressure chamber to an external pressure or an equivalent connected to the compressed air line, which valve, depending on the mode of use of the dental unit, is kept either in a position where it connects the compressed air line to the pressure chamber or in a position where it breaks off the said connection and connects the pressure chamber to another, especially to atmospheric pressure.
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14[[16]], further comprising recognizing fluid level height in the pressure chamber and pumping water to the pressure chamber using the pump upon detection of the fluid level height being at or below a predetermined limitwherein height of the fluid level in the pressure chamber is measured and the said pump located upstream of the pressure chamber is started when the fluid level is detected to reach or gone below a limit value set for it.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14[[17]], further comprising storing feed water for the pump in a reservoir chamber arranged in the feed water line upstream of the pumpwherein water which is stored in a chamber or basin arranged in the feed water line upstream of the pump is used as feed water for the said pump.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, wherein the reservoir chamber is formed to be at least partially open to atmospheric pressure, and further comprising ensuring that a fluid level in the reservoir chamber does not exceed a predetermined height threshold using an overflow edge structure arranged in the reservoir chamber, and feeding water to the reservoir chamber from a distance above the predetermined height threshold for the fluid level in the reservoir chamber using a water feed link connected to an external water sourcesaid chamber or basin is

arranged to be a space at least partly open and in connection to atmospheric pressure, whereby water is fed to that at least partly open storage space via that connection open to the ambient in such a way that the fluid level in the said storage space can rise to a certain level at the most and that water feed to that storage space takes place through such a feed link, which with respect to that maximum value of the fluid level is located at a distance from the said fluid level.

- 20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, wherein water from a public water system is fed via the [[said]]water feed link.
- 21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19, <u>further comprising using a</u> <u>detergent feed link to feed a cleaning chemical to the reservoir chamber wherein</u> <u>detergent of the water lines is fed into the said chamber or basin arranged in the feed water line upstream of the pump</u>.
- 22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18[[21]], further comprising circulating fluid from the pressure chamber to the reservoir chamber via a branch line arranged in the feed water line downstream of the pressure chamber leading to the reservoir chamber wherein in the feed water line downstream of the said pressure chamber is arranged a branch line to the said chamber or basin, arranged upstream of the pump, via which line water and/or detergent in the feed water line is circulated.
- 23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14[[22]], wherein the [[said]] pressure chamber is arranged configured to be detachably attachable to the dental unit and isto be filled with detergent of the water lines or with a cleaning chemical or purified water, or [[is]] to be replaced with a corresponding another suitable chamber.
- 24. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14[[23]], whereinfurther comprising, upon the [[said]]pressure chamber [[is]]being filled with detergenting chemical[[,]] or [[is]]replaced with a second_chamber containing detergent the cleaning chemical, pressurizing the driving the cleaning chemical to the feed water line[[s]].